

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-194 (Canceled).

Claim 195 (Currently Amended): A data-providing system comprising:

a first data-transmitting section ~~for transmitting~~ configured to transmit a continuous stream of content data including multimedia content groups, each ~~composed of~~ including program data and auxiliary data items;

an edit control section ~~for performing~~ configured to perform an operation on the attributes of each program data and auxiliary data items, thereby automatically assembling new data; and

a second data-transmitting section ~~for selecting~~ configured to select the auxiliary data items to be inserted into the program data in accordance with the new data assembled by the edit control section, thereby to transmit a continuous stream of content data that includes multimedia content groups, each composed of the program data and the auxiliary data items, wherein at least one of the auxiliary data items include an effective reproduction date.

Claim 196 (Currently Amended): The system according to claim 195, further comprising:

a data server apparatus ~~for changing~~ configured to change the order of the items of the content data which has been assembled by the edit control section and which includes multimedia content groups, each including the program data and the auxiliary data items, and

~~for outputting~~ configured to output the items of content data in the order changed, thereby to transmit the content data.

Claim 197 (Currently Amended): The system according to claim 195, further comprising:

a data server apparatus ~~for skipping~~ configured to skip certain auxiliary data items contained in the content data which has been assembled by the edit control section and which includes multimedia content groups, each including the program data and the auxiliary data items, thereby to transmit the content data.

Claim 198 (Currently Amended): The system according to claim 195, further comprising:

a data server apparatus ~~for transmitting~~ configured to transmit additional auxiliary data items, together with the content data which has been assembled by the edit control section and which includes multimedia content groups, each including the program data and the auxiliary data items.

Claim 199 (Previously Presented): The system according to claim 198, wherein the data server apparatus acquires the additional auxiliary data items from an external system, by the use of the edit control section.

Claim 200 (Previously Presented): The system according to claim 198, wherein the data server apparatus incorporates a generator to generate additional auxiliary data items.

Claim 201 (Currently Amended): The system according to claim 195, further comprising:

a data terminal apparatus ~~for changing~~ configured to change the order of the items of the content data which has been assembled by the edit control section and which includes multimedia content groups, each including the program data and the auxiliary data items, and ~~for transmitting~~ configured to transmit the items of content data in the order changed.

Claim 202 (New): The data-providing system of Claim 195, wherein the auxiliary data items include, at least, a validity term and conditions relative to the assignment of rights for editing attributes of each auxiliary data item.